

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 244, Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2735–S2781

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1037–1063, and S. Res. 154–158. **Pages S2774–75**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2017”. (S. Rept. No. 115–43)

S. 585, to provide greater whistleblower protections for Federal employees, increased awareness of Federal whistleblower protections, and increased accountability and required discipline for Federal supervisors who retaliate against whistleblowers, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 115–44) **Page S2773**

Measures Passed:

U.S. Wants to Compete for a World Expo Act: Senate passed H.R. 534, to require the Secretary of State to take such actions as may be necessary for the United States to rejoin the Bureau of International Expositions, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2737–38**

Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 53, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 244. **Pages S2754, S2761**

Cinco de Mayo Holiday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 158, recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the Cinco de Mayo holiday. **Page S2781**

House Messages:

Consolidated Appropriations Act: By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 121), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 244, making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30,

2017, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

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Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 212, to change the enactment date. **Pages S2735, S2741**

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 210 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment), to change the enactment date. **Pages S2735, S2741**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

McConnell Amendment No. 213 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 212), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 212, was withdrawn. **Pages S2735, S2741**

McConnell Amendment No. 214 (to Amendment No. 213), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 213 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 212), fell. **Pages S2735, S2741**

McConnell Amendment No. 211 (to Amendment No. 210), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 210 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment), was withdrawn. **Pages S2735, S2741**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, was rendered moot. **Page S2741**

Appointments:

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 93–415, as amended by Public Law 102–586, announced the appointment of the following individual to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: The Honorable David Tapp of Kentucky (3 year term), vice Richard Vincent.

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Gottlieb Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Scott Gottlieb, of Connecticut, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Monday, May 8, 2017, following disposition of the nomination of Heather Wilson, of South Dakota, to be Secretary of the Air Force.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—121) Page S2761

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 4:30 p.m., until 12 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2781.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TELEMEDICINE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine telemedicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, focusing on leveraging technology to increase access, improve

health outcomes, and lower costs, after receiving testimony from Kevin Galpin, Executive Director, Telehealth Services, and Thandiwe Nelson-Brooks, Facility Telehealth Coordinator, VA Pacific Islands Health Care System, both of the Veterans Health Administration, and Bill James, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Enterprise Program Management Office), Office of Information and Technology, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael P. Adcock, University of Mississippi Medical Center Center for Telehealth, Jackson; and Norman Okamura, Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center, Honolulu, Hawaii.

U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Special Operations Command, after receiving testimony from Theresa M. Whelan, Acting Assistant Secretary for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, and General Raymond A. Thomas III, USA, Commander, United States Special Operations Command, both of the Department of Defense.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, including S. 563, to amend the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 to require that certain buildings and personal property be covered by flood insurance, after receiving testimony from Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, D.C.; Michael Hecht, Greater New Orleans, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Coalition for Sustainable Flood Insurance; and Larry Larson, Association of State Floodplain Managers, Madison, Wisconsin.

AIRLINE TRAVEL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine questions, answers, and perspectives on the current state of airline travel, after receiving testimony from Ginger Evans, Chicago Department of Aviation, and Scott Kirby, United Airlines, both of Chicago, Illinois; and Sharon Pinkerton, Airlines for America, Sara Nelson, Association of Flight Attendants, and Sally Greenberg, National Consumers League, all of Washington, D.C.

ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the threat posed by electromagnetic pulse and policy options to protect energy infrastructure and to improve capabilities for